Finnie Castle

Region: Scottish Borders **Sleeps:** 18

Overview

Close to the wooded banks of the River Jed, Finnie Castle is one of Scotland's most captivating historic retreats. Surrounded by ancient forest and set within the beautiful Scottish Borders, this lovingly restored 15th century stronghold offers guests the rare opportunity to experience centuries of history while enjoying the comfort and exclusivity of a private castle. Rich in character and atmosphere, Finnie Castle welcomes families, friends and special gatherings to enjoy a stay unlike any other.

Steeped in a dramatic past, the castle has stood witness to border conflicts, royal intrigue and centuries of history. Today, its imposing stone walls conceal warm and inviting interiors that have been carefully restored to preserve their heritage while creating a comfortable setting . At the heart of the castle lies the magnificent Great Hall, where an ornate fireplace, ironwork and ancestral portraits create a memorable backdrop for evenings together. Throughout the property, historic details sit comfortably alongside thoughtful touches that make every stay relaxed and enjoyable.

Accommodating up to 18 guests across nine individually appointed bedrooms, Finnie Castle is perfectly suited to family celebrations, milestone occasions and group escapes. Guests can spend their days exploring the castle's fascinating spaces, enjoying leisurely walks through the surrounding woodland, or making use of the tennis court before gathering once more around the fire. Beneath the castle, the atmospheric vaulted undercrofts offer a fascinating glimpse into the past, while the intimate family chapel provides a particularly romantic setting steeped in history.

Situated just 3km south of Jedburgh in the Scottish Borders, Finnie Castle enjoys a picturesque position within the ancient Jed Valley. Rolling countryside, riverside walks and historic landmarks surround the estate, while the market town of Jedburgh offers charming cafés, independent shops and renowned heritage attractions. This unique setting combines rural beauty with easy access to some of Scotland's most fascinating landscapes and historic sites. What's more, the capital city of Edinburgh is only 90 minutes by car.

Whether you are planning a special occasion or simply seeking an extraordinary Scottish escape, Finnie Castle offers an experience where history, character and comfort come together in unforgettable surroundings.

Facilities

Weddings • Chateaux & Castles • Cycling • Historical Sites • Tennis Court • Fishing • Horse Riding • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Walking/Hiking Paths • Special Offer • Chef/Cook Available • Has Discount • Licensed for Marriage • Marquee Hire Permitted • Ideal for Teens • Pets

on Request • Outdoor Ceremony • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Flexible Catering Options • Parking Space • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • Rural Location • No Corkage • No Curfew • Indoor Reception Available • Outstanding Landscapes • Nearby Church/Chapel • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • AGA • Animal farm • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Kid-friendly museum • Kid-friendly excursions • Board games • Food blender

Interior & Grounds

Main Castle Interiors

Ground Floor

- Grand hall with seating, ornate fireplace and oak tables
- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, blender, fridge, freezer, kettle, microwave, oven, stove, toaster
- Historic turret library (this is locked due to valuable books but will be shown on request)
- 2 x WCs

First Floor

- Nursery
- Master bedroom with super king-size double bed and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (can be split as two singles) and bathroom (just outside the door)
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (can be split as two singles) and private bathroom (just outside the door)
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (can be split as two singles)
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (can be split as two singles)
- Shared bathroom at the end of the corridor (shared between above two bedrooms)

Second Floor

- Sitting room

Third Floor

- Turret bedroom with double bed, two adjoining turret alcoves and en suite shower room

Castle Wing Interiors

Ground Floor

- Sitting room with seating, log fire and piano. Patio door opens to landscaped grounds and patio with picnic table
- Vaulted dining area with table and six chairs
- Kitchen, well-equipped including with seating area for 7 guests (and castle access via 16th century stone staircase)
- Separate WC
- Bedroom with king-size double bed
- Bedroom with two single beds
- Shared bathroom (between both bedrooms)

Upper Floor

- Upper bedroom with double bed and adjacent private bathroom

Vaulted Undercrofts/Cellar Rooms

- Family history room
- Small chapel
- Utility room (access from outside)
- Boot room (with good supply of Wellington boots)

- Secured gun room (for shooting/fishing equipment storage)

Please note there is no step-free access across the castle – please discuss any accessibility requirements at the time of enquiry.

Outside Grounds

- Access to estate's shared hardcourt tennis court (please bring your own racquets and balls)
- Riverside walk, ancient woodland and viewpoint
- Parking

Please note the driveaway leading to the castle is a public footpath

Location & Local Information

Set in the ancient Jed Valley and steeped in centuries of Border history, Finnie Castle is a remarkable 15th-century stronghold surrounded by woodland and overlooking the gently flowing River Jed, only a 90-minute drive south of Edinburgh. From the castle grounds, stroll through woodlands by the beautiful Jed River and embrace the glorious countryside vista from the viewpoint above.

Just a short distance away lies the historic market town of Jedburgh (3km), one of the Borders' most characterful destinations. Dominating the town skyline are the striking red sandstone ruins of Jedburgh Abbey, founded in 1138 by King David I. Visitors can also explore Mary Queen of Scots' House, which offers a fascinating insight into the life of Scotland's ill-fated queen, and the historic Jedburgh Castle Jail & Museum. The town's independent shops, cafés and welcoming atmosphere make it an enjoyable place to spend an afternoon.

Slightly further afield, the picturesque town of Kelso (21km) sits on the banks of the River Tweed and rewards visitors with an impressive collection of historic landmarks. Highlights include the atmospheric ruins of Kelso Abbey, the remains of Roxburgh Castle and the magnificent Floors Castle, Scotland's largest inhabited house. Throughout the year, Kelso also hosts popular events including race meetings and one of Scotland's leading agricultural shows.

The wider Scottish Borders region is a paradise for exploration, whether by car, bicycle or on foot. Ancient abbeys, grand castles, stately homes and charming villages reveal the area's rich and often turbulent past, while scenic hills, valleys and rivers provide endless opportunities for outdoor adventures.

For those seeking a city excursion, Edinburgh (79.5km) makes an excellent day trip, offering world-class cultural attractions, historic streets, renowned festivals and a vibrant atmosphere that perfectly complements life at Finnie Castle.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Newcastle International Airport (85 km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Edinburgh Airport (91 km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Capon Tree Town House (2 km)**
Nearest Beach	**Goswick (65 km)**
Nearest City	**Edinburgh (79.5 km)**

Nearest Ferry Port	**Newcastle International Passenger Terminal (104 km)**
Nearest Golf	**Jedburgh Golf Club (5 km)**
Nearest National Park	**Northumberland National Park (26 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**The Caddy Man (10 km)**
Nearest Shop	**Co-Op, Jedburgh (4 km)**
Nearest Tennis	**On site (0 km)**
Nearest Town	**Jedburgh (3 km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Tweedbank Train Station (26.5 km)**
Nearest Village	**Hundalee (2 km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Sainsburys, Kelso (23 km)**

What we love

- Such a privilege to stay in a sensitively restored 15th century Scottish castle, rich with history and character
- The magnificent Great Hall, complete with ornate fireplace and ancestral portraits, is made for memorable evenings together
- After a game of tennis, walk through ancient woodland by the banks of the river, then climb up to the viewpoint for the most beautiful vistas – take your camera!
- Just 3km from Jedburgh, with cafés, independent shops and fascinating heritage attractions nearby
- Take a day trip to Edinburgh, only 90 minutes by car

What you should know...

- Finnie Castle is part of a large estate, also home to a separate lodge (not too close to the castle) that is rented out separately – you will pass the lodge on the driveway. It's also worth noting that the driveway to the castle is a public footpath.
- The helpful Groundsman lives on site and is available throughout your stay.
- Due to the historic nature of this exceptional castle, some parts of the castle are reached via narrow staircases and the grounds around the castle are on different levels in parts. Careful child supervision is required.
- There is no step-free access to the castle. Access to the castle ground floor via the main entrance involves stairs, and there is a further staircase to the kitchen (served by an external stair lift). Ground-floor bedrooms are available in the castle wing; guests with accessibility requirements should discuss their needs at the time of enquiry.
- Guests can use the estate's shared tennis court - please pack your own racquets and balls.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £1000 charged to client's credit card by Oliver's Travels as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** After 4:00 pm

- **Departure time:** Before 10:00 am

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, pets will only be allowed to stay in the castle wing (and not the main part of the castle). Please enquire at time of booking.

- **Changeover day:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On occasion, depending on availability, Sunday check-in will be accepted. Please enquire.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Not included. An extra £500, payable to Oliver's Travels with the balance payment. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** No smoking or vaping.

- **Minimum stay:** Two nights. Three nights over the Christmas and New Year period.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.

- **Stag & Hen Do Allowed? :** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.